

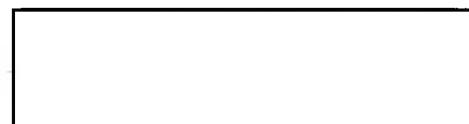
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Post-Mortem on NIE 23-56:Political Outlook in West Germany,dated 17 April 1956

The following post-mortem on NIE 23-56, "Political Outlook in West Germany," which was noted by the IAC on 17 April 1956, is circulated for information and appropriate action:

There were no major factual deficiencies with respect to West Germany, and the estimative problem--as in most Western European countries--was primarily one of analysis. We believe, however, that it would be helpful if more information were available concerning the role played by industrial and financial interests in (a) influencing national policy, particularly regarding foreign trade, rearmament, reunification, and policy toward the East, and (b) financing and influencing the political parties.



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